

Caln Township Municipal Authority
Monday August 24, 2015
7:00 PM

Those Present:

Paul Mullin, Chairperson
Robert Tompkins, Vice Chair
John D. Contento, Treasurer
George Chambers, Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Secretary
Jim Kruse, Secretary – Absent
Gregory Prowant, Township Manager
Scot Gill, Director
Denise Miller, Recording Secretary
Bill Dingman, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, CTMA Engineer

Mr. Mullin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the July 27, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Mullin inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the July minutes. Mr. Mullin asked to have a few minor changes made. Mr. Contento motioned, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to adopt the July 27, 2015 minutes with Mr. Mullins corrections. Vote passed 4-0.

Public Comment

Mr. Mullin called for public comments. There were none.

Price Gregory Request (Columbia Gas Pipeline)

Mr. Gill introduced Mr. Shawn Tolle, Mr. Josh Porosceno, and Mr. Tom Jastran representing Columbia Gas. Mr. Tolle requested Columbia Gas be granted the authorization to discharge 1.3 million gallons of water to do a Hydrostatic Test on their gas line through the Caln Township Municipal Authority Sewer System. Mr. Tolle, Mr. Porosceno, and Mr. Jastran explained the project in detail. Mr. Tolle also stated they will pay for all costs associated with their project, and add the Authority as an additional insured. After Board discussion, Mr. Contento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chambers, that Price Gregory/Columbia Gas's proposal of discharging up to 1.3 million gallons of clean water into the Authority's Interceptor, is contingent on them agreeing to the following conditions. Price Gregory/Columbia Gas will make a monetary contribution to the Authority prior to any water being discharged into the system, submit the results of a sample of the water discharged prior to any water being discharged at their expense, to meter the water that's entering the pipe and submit the total for the Authority's review, release the Authority from any liability that may arrive from the discharge, obtain all DARA, PADEP, and any other approvals that may be required for such a discharge, agree to cease the discharge if a heavy rain occurs and may resume upon notice by the Authority or Authority's staff, once rain event ends and flows go back to normal, as recommended by staff. Vote passed 4-0.

Mr. Tolle asked the Authority for written confirmation on the conditions, as described in the motion. Board consensus was to send written confirmation that the CTMA made a motion authorizing their proposal, at tonight's meeting, with the described conditions.

Dogwood Lane/Scott Drive Sewer Improvements Project

Mr. Dingman presented a short update on the Dogwood Lane/Scott Drive sewer improvements project, and answered all Board questions. Mr. Gill offered CTMA 15-2 written certification and requested Board approval for the CTMA Director to sign the sewage facilities planning module and the Board Chairman to sign the certification, for said project. Mr. Contento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to approve CTMA 15-2 written certification for a waste load of 18,000 gallons per day and authorization for the Chairman to sign the certification, and authorization for the Wastewater Director to sign the planning module. Vote passed 4-0.

Municipal Drive Pump Station Update

Mr. Gill updated the Board on mailing the easements and appraisal to 2220 Miller Avenue this week, and mailing of Royal Paper easements. Mr. Gill noted Mr. Dingman is working on the Zoning Hearing Board application in preparation for the Special

Exception Hearing for the Municipal Drive Pump Station and for wetlands, detailing a response to each subsection of §155-35.D and §155-35.E of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Dingman noted Mr. Pompo's office is in agreement with the floodplain memo but has asked for additional information for the wetlands. Mr. Dingman asked if the Board would like to give up the open cut method, at this stage, and proceed with only boring of the wetlands pump review discussion. Mr. Dingman also discussed the specs and the current pump manufacturer of the submersible pumps used in the pump station is KSB and he also recommended the re-evaluation of this selection and consider other manufacturers. Board consensus was for Mr. Dingman to put together a proposal to re-evaluate a selection and look for alternatives, to be submitted at the August meeting.

Kulp Sewer Permit Extension Request

Mr. Chambers motioned, seconded by Mr. Contento, to approve Mr. and Mrs. Kulp's sewer permit extension until February 15, 2016. With Mr. Tompkins voting nay, vote passed 3-1.

Hills @ Thorndale Woods Sewer Certification

Mr. Gill noted the Developer is in the process of completing the PADEP Planning Module for The Hills at Thorndale Woods. As part of the Planning Module process the Authority has to certify the capacity, 262 EDU's, and staff will need to sign the appropriate section of the Planning Module. Mr. Gill also noted Gilmore & Associates August 18, 2015 review letter along with the capacity written certification that will need to be executed. Mr. Contento motioned, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to authorize the Chairman to certify the Hills at Thorndale Woods capacity, in the amount of 65,500 gallons a day, will not create a hydraulic overload of our system, and authorization for the Wastewater Director to sign the Planning Module. Vote passed 4-0.

2016 Budget Presentation

Mr. Gill presented a copy of the department's 2016 budget request, and a projected breakdown of revenue that will be generated in 2016, for Board review. Mr. Gill noted this has previously been reviewed by CTMA treasurer, Mr. Contento. Mr. Gill also noted conversation with Mr. Prowant regarding the repayment of 177 EDU's, to the township, and it needs to be discussed further with the Authority. Mr. Prowant proposed paying the township over a 10 year period versus the current agreement that says the CTMA will pay back the township as EDU's are used. Board consensus was for staff to present the cost per year as part of the budget process.

Financials; Sewer Operating Fund, Act 57 Fund, and Delinquency Reports

Mr. Prowant reviewed the cash basis summary and detailed accrual reports of revenue and expenditures for the Sewer Operating Fund, Municipal Authority's Tapping Fee Account, and Capital Fund for the month of July 2015. Mr. Mullin motioned, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to approve the financials, as submitted. Vote passed 4-0. Also, reviewed and discussed were delinquency reports reflecting current year accounts past due, prior year's outstanding balances sent to Portnoff Law Associates for collection, and the status of in-house commercial collections.

Directors Report

Mr. Gill presented his July 2015 report and noted a list of current projects which the Department is working on.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Tompkins motioned, seconded by Mr. Chambers, to adjourn the August 24, 2015 meeting at 8:55 PM. Vote passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller,
Recording Secretary